



United States Department of the Interior

**FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge
1624 Hood-Franklin Road
Elk Grove, CA 95757-9774**

IN REPLY REFER TO:

February 4, 2005

Dear Interested Reviewer:

Enclosed is a copy of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a waterfowl hunting program at Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge), Sacramento County. This FONSI has been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) in compliance with agency decision-making requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

The purpose of the FONSI is to document the decision of the Service following completion of the January 2005 Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for a waterfowl hunting program on the Refuge. Based on review of the alternatives in the Final EA and their environmental consequences, the decision of the Service is to implement the Proposed Action, Alternative B - Waterfowl Hunt Program (Youth and Mobility-Impaired Opportunities Emphasized), as described in the Final EA. These documents plus the final Refuge Waterfowl Hunt Plan and Compatibility Determination for waterfowl hunting can be viewed on the Refuge website (<http://stonelakes.fws.gov>).

For further information on this program or to receive copies of documents, please contact me by phone or e-mail (thomas_harvey@fws.gov).

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Harvey
Project Leader

Enclosure